

[Taft, Rufus H.]

DEATH OF RUFUS H. TAFT
Well Known Resident of Taberg Stricken at Home of Son,
David H. Taft—Funeral Wednesday

Taberg, Dec. 6.—Rufus H. Taft died at the home of his son, David H. Taft, with whom he had lived for three years, at 9 o'clock this morning. He had been in poor health for over a year, but was confined to the bed for only three days. Death was due to infirmities of age.

Mr. Taft was born May 12, 1832, a son of Simon and Betsey Story Taft. He married Clarissa A. Putnam of Lee, February 16, 1856. She died March 4, 1907. Six children were born to them, two dying in infancy and Mrs. John L. Ward, who died March 23, 1920. The following three children survive: David H. Taft, Taberg; Mrs. John D. Brown, Blossvale, and Frank M. Taft of Beach, Washington. There are 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was a successful farmer and a lifelong Republican. He was of the Universalist faith. He enlisted in the Union army in 1861 and served until the close of the war. For several years he was a member of the G.A.R.

The funeral will be held at the home of his son, David H. Taft, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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